

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. The amendment places the application in condition for allowance and is, therefore, appropriate under Rule 116.

By the present amendment, claims 12-16 and 23-24 are cancelled and claims 25-28 are added.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

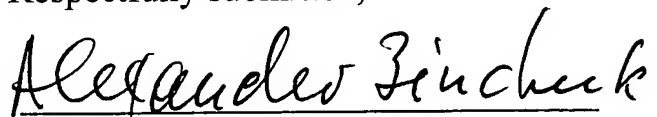
It is respectfully submitted that claims 25-28 are in condition for all allowance. Claims 25, 26 and 28 correspond in scope to claims 13, 14 and 24 which, together with claim 15, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 25, 26 and 28, which are claims so rewritten, and claim 27, which corresponds to claim 15 and now depends on claim 26, are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

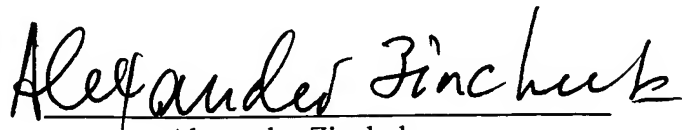


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